

GERMANY TO GRANT DEMANDS, IS REPORT

CARRANZA SEEKS EARLY ANSWER ON U.S. WITHDRAWAL

Mexican Ambassador Asks For Conference With Secretary Lansing on Matter—Request is Made Through Special Agent of U. S.—Villa Reported Either Dead or in Hiding in Sierra Madres Mountains.

Washington, April 24—General Carranza has asked for an early reply to his note of April 12 suggesting that American troops be recalled from Mexico. This was learned officially today in connection with the fact that Elizeo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, sought an interview with Secretary Lansing. State department officials declined to discuss the matter.

The Mexican embassy stated that the request had not been transmitted through Mr. Arredondo, so far as known there. It is understood to have been made directly to General Carranza through Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City. A reply also would be sent through Mr. Rodgers.

Say Villa Is Dead Or in Hiding

Field Headquarters, Namiquipa, Mex., April 24—By wireless to Columbus, N. M.—American military authorities today obtained reliable information that Francisco Villa has not crossed the Durango-Chihuahua line. He is said to be either dead or in hiding in the Sierra Madres mountains northwest of Parral. Today a report placed him last near Moncava.

Reports of Clash With Carranzistas Are Not Credited

El Paso, Tex., April 24—Early today the local police received a report that fighting had begun between Carranza and American forces at Satevo.

The information is said to have come from influential sources in Juarez. The police believe the report to be true. It was said that several negro soldiers had been killed in the fighting.

Neither General Bell at Fort Bliss, nor military headquarters at Columbus, N. M., had any information early today regarding a Mexican despatch that American negro soldiers had an engagement with civilians at Satevo. The report is not credited.

The redistribution of the American forces in Mexico as planned by Major-General Funston had been in a large measure completed, it was learned here today.

The troops are now concentrated in strong units along a line of communications said to be not much more than 250 miles long. Reinforcements also are gathering at Columbus, N. M.

U. S. TROOPS REDISTRIBUTED

San Antonio, Tex., April 24—Major-General Funston's plan for a redistribution of the American troops in Mexico are being made today by General J. J. Pershing, commander of the punitive expedition.

Details of the new plan have been carefully guarded by General Funston and General Scott, chief of staff of the army but it was indicated it does not provide for the running of a new main line of communication or of the establishment of a new border base. It is understood that General Pershing will be instructed to call in all mobile detachments except those doing scout duty and enter on a period of recuperation. The main line now extends as far south as San Antonio, Chihuahua, a station on the North-western Railroad, the chief distance west of Chihuahua City. General Pershing has his temporary headquarters at Namiquipa.

VILLA BANDS SCATTERED

Columbus, N. M., April 24—The only activity reported from the front today was renewed efforts to exterminate the scattered bands of Villa followers which, learning of the halt in American operations, have become more daring in their forays. A detail map of Columbus and the military reservations here was found on the body of a Mexican killed in a sortie across the frontier following the raid, according to the story, brought to the border today. The map, it was said, showed the roads leading into Columbus and the location of the principal business houses and designated homes of various officers of the American command.

Falls Fifty Feet, Working on Church Demolition Job

Climbing a ladder on the side of the North church, opposite city hall in Bank street, which is being demolished, John Arnold, aged 34, of 280 State street, lost his balance and fell 50 feet to the ground this morning.

Arnold was helping to carry down a piece of timber. His escape from instant death was miraculous. Striking upon his side, Arnold suffered a possible fracture of his left shoulder and injuries to his left hip. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital in the emergency hospital ambulance. He will recover.

BURGLARS GET \$1,500 BOOTY IN THING SAFE

Eight Policemen on "Beat," Robbers Obtain Rich Loot on Main Street.

USE "CAN-OPENERS" ON REAR OF VAULT

Leave Tools and Ten Dollar Bill on Floor After Performing Quiet Job.

Equipped with a set of burglars' tools such as are used by the notorious "Copher gang" of New York, two men entered the shoe store of S. B. Thing & Co. at Main and Elm streets early yesterday morning and after breaking open the safe stole \$1,500.53 as well as a number of velvet watch chains trimmed with gold. The robbery was committed sometime between 11 o'clock Saturday night and 7:30 this morning.

Eight policemen are posted on the beat that includes this store. They don't know of the robbery until the manager of the Thing store reported the matter this morning.

It is evident that two men pulled the job and that they gained entrance by way of the alley in the rear of the store and east of the Salvation Army headquarters in Elm street. A wire screen on the window of the lavatory was torn from its fastenings. The bolt on the rear door was broken with a blow from the four-foot "can-opener."

The safe is an old fashioned one and is stationed in the center of the store. It is almost hidden from view from the street owing to a projection in the wall. It was at the rear of the safe that the burglars performed their work.

The money box was on the right hand side of the safe. With a brace and drill a hole was cut directly back of the money box. A four-foot sectional tool with a sharp point was then inserted into the hole and worked back and forth until the steel back of the safe was bent sufficiently to allow a hand to be thrust through the aperture.

The safe was lined with asbestos and plaster of paris. This was cut out and one of the burglars was enabled to draw the money box through the hole cut in the rear of the safe. The box was opened with a two-foot section tool in a manner similar to that used in opening the rear of the vault.

In the money box was \$1,500.53. There was also \$2 in dimes inside the safe, which was overlooked by the burglars. A dozen pair of aluminum rings, used as gifts to patrons of the store, were taken by the robbers. Velvet watch fobs with gold trimmings are also missing. A \$10 bill was found on the floor near the safe this morning.

After performing the job without interruption the burglars fled. The tool kit on the floor near the safe and vacated the store by the rear entrance.

No stock is missing from the store. When the clerk entered the place at 7:30 this morning he was astonished. A gaping cut in the rear of the safe was visible and a set of burglars' tools consisting of a four-foot and a two-foot can-opener, a brace and six drills was lying on the floor.

There are no marks on the tools which might lead to an arrest. The sectional tools are bolted together in three places and they may be placed in a satchel. The kit of tools is valued at about \$50.

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ENEMY AIRSHIP CIRCLES DOVER; IS DRIVEN BACK

Anti-Aircraft Guns Brought Into Play When Hostile Craft Appears.

London, April 24—A hostile aeroplane appeared over Dover this morning and was attacked by British guns. It was driven off and dropped no bombs.

The official statement was made as follows: "At 11:45 today a hostile aeroplane appeared over Dover from the east. It circled over the town at a height estimated at 6,000 feet.

"Anti-aircraft guns at once came into action. The hostile machine was driven off. No bombs were dropped."

VERDUN BATTLE RAGES.

Berlin, April 24—French attacks on the German lines in several sectors of the Verdun region have been repulsed, the war office announced today.

The French effort was directed against the vicinity of Thiaumont Farm, but broke down in front of the German trenches.

FRENCH REPORT GAIN.

Paris, April 24—French troops made progress last night on the Verdun front northwest of Courtes Wood, the war office announced this afternoon.

They attacked with hand grenades and during the fighting took 39 prisoners, one an officer. Several German reconnoitering parties were dispersed, southeast of Haucourt. There was rather heavy bombardment at Dead Man Hill.

SIMON LAKE INVENTS NEW TYPE OF SUB

Submarine Without Conning Tower, Plan of Bridgeport Expert, Who Expects Vessel to Revolutionize Undersea Boat Construction.

"Sponsons," Cigar-Shaped Chambers, To Be Substituted For Tower—More Speed, Less Danger of Being Seen and Better Loading Facilities.

Simon Lake has again taken a progressive step in submarine boat construction. Patents for new buoyancy collision protectors were granted to him under date of April 5 by the United States government.

In patent, serial number 1,180,263, application for which was made in August, 1914, Mr. Lake, through his patent attorney, Mercer D. Blomdel, of this city, set forth many new and novel claims, chief among which are the features of greater freeboard, greater metacentric stability and extraordinary increased buoyancy.

To give an idea of the improvements that are technically called "sponsons," one must first understand that a submarine boat is constructed on the form of a huge cigar, the interior of which is hollow and filled with machinery and air. This weight, even with the air included, when submerged, would sink like a bottle over-filled with water. The air would be concentrated in one end and the boat would sink by the other. To overcome this principle, the conning tower where the air is confined in an effort to seek a level when the boat is submerged, the sponsons, heretofore known to have been slight, measured in pounds between 300 and 400.

The danger from collision with some underwater object or surface vessel has always been the horror of under-sea navigators.

Within the last two years the lateral stability has been further decreased by the necessity of imposing a superstructure upon the cigar-shaped hull for the purpose of mounting later torpedo tubes and disappearing rapid-fire guns. While air chambers have been provided they were of such bulk and the locations fore and aft were in such position, it is said, as to cause submergence at too great angles for practical safety. It is because of this lack of buoyancy that many of the German "subs" are believed to have sunk in the past war and English boats of the old diving type are known to have been lost.

Mr. Lake has arranged on each side of the boat above the cigar-shaped hull and between the superstructure and the hull, two or more sponsons of hollow cylindrical tubes, also cigar-shaped, which are filled with air or any buoyant substance such as cellulose or the other compounds known to be of the nature of the big factor in the upper sides of the vessel, tapering at both bow and stern in no way interfere with the speed or navigation of the boat and at all times, on the surface, below or in the water, the bilge keels, their buoyancy brings the craft higher to the surface when riding the waves and permit of longer rifle shots at an enemy. They also act as protection against damage by ramming and cause the upper surface of a submarine to become flat instead of round, thereby greatly aiding in the loading and unloading of cargoes and the comfort of the crews when not in active service.

It is likely that through the adoption of this newest of inventions the conning towers, which heretofore have been the cause of much resistance when speeding beneath the waves, will be displaced to a great extent. The sight above surface may be done through periscopes, which will fold back when the vessel is submerged. Naval constructors declare that this invention is one of the foremost that has been devised during the last decade.

POLICE BOARD TO MAKE CHANGES IN DEPT. THIS WEEK

The board of police commissioners will meet Wednesday night and propose 12 members of the department. They will also appoint 72 policemen.

Capt. John H. Redgate will be superintendent. Lieut. Suckley, Webb and Blumdel will be made captains. Sergeant Edward O. Cronan will be temporary head of the detective bureau in the position of lieutenant. There will be no captain of detectives appointed for a while.

These police officers will be retired on a pension: Detective Captain Geo. H. Arnold, Captain William H. Anderson, Lieutenant John Quinlan, Corporal Edgar Fisher and Charles Lush.

FIX BLAME FOR FREIGHT TIE UP UPON RAILROAD

Chamber of Commerce Investigation Here Shows Where Fault Lies.

DISPROVES "ALIBI" OF THE NEW HAVEN

Excuse That Consignees Won't Unload Cars Found Flimsy One.

After an investigation that has lasted more than a month the Chamber of Commerce of Bridgeport has made a report of freight congestion here. The report exposes the excuse of the railroad officials in which the consignees were blamed for delays, and publishes figures to prove that this explanation will not suffice.

By collecting daily records from consignees and keeping tabs on what occurred in the Bridgeport freight yards, the Chamber of Commerce claim to have learned that the case has been misrepresented by the railroad.

The following statement, issued today by the Chamber of Commerce, after an unbiased study of conditions, is enlightening:

"The transportation committee has been represented at every important conference on New England freight congestion that has been held this winter. At a New Haven meeting representatives of the railroad contended that much of the congestion was due to the negligence of consignees and their failure to unload and free cars within the period of free time allowed. Acting in conjunction with other associations, the committee agreed to notify consignees of all delays reported by the railroad and to request an explanation in each case. The report of the replies to this notice during the first 10 days after notifications were sent out is as follows:

Number of cars unloaded in free time though reported as not being empty, 94

Number of cars not unloaded in time due to negligence of consignees, 14

Number of cars for which reasonable excuse was given for their not being emptied in the time allowed, 7

Number of cars not unloaded in time due to negligence of railroad, 15

Number of cars whose merchandise has been rejected, car ordered back and railroad notified regarding this, 3

Number of cars reported on, 132

This tabulation of replies shows that the contention of the railroad was inaccurate.

George Crawford, president of the Crawford laundry and chairman of

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EMINENT LABOR LAWYER HERE IN INJUNCTION CASE

F. J. Mulholland Prepares For Initial Action on Part of Strikers.

Determination whether or not the strike of the American Graphophone Co.'s Burt department workers will be spread to the rest of the big factory will be made Wednesday evening, it is expected.

A conference of committees from every department in the factory will be held with the Central labor union and action will be decided upon. Many attended the mass meeting of Graphophone Co. employees held Saturday afternoon in Park theatre hall and heard lawyer, addressed the meeting and talked of the necessity of organization. He didn't dwell on the Max Ams Co. injunction because, as he is likely to be legal action, he didn't wish to prejudice the case.

He conferred last night with Attorney Hugh J. Lavery of this city and a plan was made for action. Mr. Mulholland left for Washington, taking with him a copy of the injunction and he is expected to discuss with the six other lawyers of his firm.

Vice President Fitzgerald of the Polished and President Julius Stranahan of the State Federation of Labor addressed the meeting yesterday.

THE WEATHER

Overcast weather tonight and Tuesday, continued cool. Moderate north-west winds.

BERLIN EXPECTED TO YIELD TO U. S. ON U-BOAT ISSUE

Confidential Messages From Ambassador Gerard to State Department Indicate That Germany Will Go to Great Lengths to Preserve Friendly Relations—Confers With Foreign Minister and Hears Confessions Will Be Likely.

Washington, April 24—Confidential despatches from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin indicate that Germany will make certain concessions to the United States in response to the note demanding the immediate abandonment of present methods of submarine warfare.

Whether the concessions will be sufficiently broad to meet the American demands appears uncertain. However, officials reflected an air of hopefulness for an amicable settlement of the issue.

It is understood Ambassador Gerard has received broad intimations that the German government will go to great lengths to preserve friendly relations with the United States. He is understood to have gained his impressions from officials of the Berlin foreign office, including Foreign Minister Von Jagow.

FIRE THREATENS STOKER FEEDING PAIR OF BOILERS

Timothy Burke Escapes with Slight Burns in Furniture Store Blaze.

While waste excelsior was being stoked into the boilers of the George B. Clark store in Broad street this morning, a back-flare ignited a quantity of material in the midst of which stood Timothy F. Burke, of 23 Middle street.

Caught as in a trap Burke fought his way up a short stair-case. His hands and face were scorched. After giving the alarm he aided in attempting to beat out the spread of the fire. Chemicals soon quelled the flames. Loss to the small building is estimated by the owners today at approximately \$100. Burke received treatment for his injured hands.

The furniture wasn't damaged, as double brick walls separated the main floor from the boiler room.

ENGLAND DEFENDS POLICIES

AEROS RAID TRIEST; NINE ARE KILLED

Berlin, April 24—The Austrian city of Triest has been raided by a squadron of seven Italian airships, bombs dropped from which killed nine persons, wounded five and destroyed a monastery.

"HARRASSED BY COURT" ASSERTS MICHAEL GLAVIN

Greenwich Young Man Has Bond Reduced From \$5,000 to \$2,000.

Declaring he is being harassed by the Greenwich borough court, Michael J. Glavin appeared before Judge Curtis in his capacity as prosecutor this morning to ask the superior court to reduce his bonds.

Glavin claims the Greenwich court fixed his bonds at \$5,000, although the charge against him was abandoning his wife in New York state. He said the original bail was \$2,500, but this was increased to \$5,000 after Glavin engaged a lawyer who denounced the action of Judge Mead in the Greenwich court.

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Samuel Blumberg, 9, Dies After Severe Attack of Nosebleed

Nine year old Samuel Blumberg of 15 Bank street died yesterday at St. Vincent's hospital a few hours after he was removed to the institution suffering from a severe nose bleed brought on when he fell upon his face in a convulsion.

Reply to U. S. Protest on Interference With Shipping is Presented Here.

Washington, April 24—The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, today delivered to Secretary Lansing his government's reply to the American protest against interference with neutral commerce. France concurs in the main with her ally but will participate for herself on minor points. The note is a legal and technical defense of the sea policy of the two nations.

Father Jankola Has Chance For Recovery

The condition of Rev. Matthew Jankola, pastor of St. Cyril's Methodist Slovak church, Church street, who was stricken with apoplexy yesterday morning just as he finished his sermon, is somewhat improved today. According to Dr. Charles N. Haskell, who is in constant attendance and who held consultation yesterday and today with Dr. B. L. Smykowski, Father Jankola has a slight chance of recovery. His right side is paralyzed.

Father Jankola has been pastor for the last eight years and his legion of friends hope for his early recovery.

Chooses Jail Rather Than Live With Wife

When given his preference by Judge Wilder in city court today Paul Jacobs of 141 Johnson street, chose to serve a jail sentence of 60 days to living with his wife Julia. The Jacobs have three children. Jacobs beat his wife up because she refused to work for the support of the children. He said he would rather be in jail than have to work for the support of his wife.